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SC FLAGS PENDENCY OF 21 NAMES FOR APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER OF HC JUDGES

The Supreme Court told the Centre that its tendency to "pick and choose" judges for transfer and appointment was creating a lot of problems

GOVT'S POLICY HURTING PREMISE OF SENIORITY

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said at present five reiterated names, five recommended for the first time and 11 for transfers are pending with the government. Criticising the Centre's pick-and-choose policy, a bench said, "When you appoint somebody and don't appoint others, the very premise of seniority gets disturbed"

PROCESS IS UNDERWAY, CENTRE ASSURES SC

- The bench told the Centre's counsel that due to the delay, some judges have withdrawn their names for elevation out of frustration
- The Centre sought two weeks time, and assured the bench that the process is underway. "Let us have some progress before Diwali. We will celebrate it better," the bench told the Centre's counsel

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WHEN THE COURT WILL HEAR THE MATTER AGAIN

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TRICHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

41 diplomats leave, Canada, India spar on violating norms

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

KICKING and screaming after trying to buy time, Canada finally withdrew 41 'excess' diplomats from India following the country's insistence on parity in diplomatic representation.

India's push for parity came after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau claimed India was behind the killing of Khalistan leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia, Canada on June 18. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

Announcing the withdrawal of the 41 diplomats, Canadian foreign minister Melanie Joly said, India's demand for parity violates the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

"This move was unreasonable and unprecedented and clearly violated the Vienna Convention. Given the implications of India's actions on the safety of our diplomats, we have facilitated their safe departure from India," she said, adding Canada would not take any retaliatory steps.

Joining issue with her, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "Our actions in implementing parity are fully consistent with Article 11.1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations." He pointed out that Article 11.1 of the Vienna Convention says, "In the absence of specific agreement as to the size of the mission, the receiving State may require that the size of a mission be kept within limits considered by it to be reasonable and normal, having regard to circumstances and conditions in the receiving State and to the needs of the particular mission."

"We reject any attempt to portray the implementation of parity as a violation of international norms," Bagchi added.

CANADA HALTS VISA SERVICES

Canada announced that it is pausing all in-person services at its consulates in Chandigarh, Mumbai and Bengaluru

BATTLE OF EXES, PET AND HOUSE ACCESS

L'affaire Mahua Moitra is getting curiouser. She got into trouble after her ex-partner Jai Anant Dehadrai alleged she let an industrialist use her parliamentary privilege to go after the Adani group so as to target the PM

1. Dehadrai alleged she gave LS portal access to Darshan Hiranandani, Hiranandani group CEO, to post parliamentary questions on her behalf against the Adani group
2. Dehadrai gave his complaint to the CBI and a copy of it to BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, who forwarded it to the Speaker and sought probe by the ethics panel
3. Hiranandani's affidavit admits he had access to Moitra's LS username and password, adding he had paid her huge sums to maintain her lifestyle
4. For her part, Moitra says she would welcome questions from CBI and the ethics panel
5. Caught in the crossfire is Henry, their pet Rottweiler. When Dehadrai took their pet away after separation, Moitra filed police complaints to retrieve Henry. Dehadrai later gave away the pet to her
6. Dehadrai now claims Moitra is offering to return Henry to buy peace

AUSTRALIA

BEAT PAK BY 62 RUNS IN WC THRILLER

David Warner and Mitchell Marsh symbolised command with the bat, as Adam Zampa ruled with the ball, as the five-time champions registered a win in Bengaluru. P17

First release of 2 hostages by Hamas amid intense bombing

Two US citizens — a mother and her daughter — freed after mediation by Qatar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

HOURS after the Israel Defense Forces said 20 of the 200 hostages held by Hamas in Gaza are children and that most of the hostages are alive, the militant group announced the release of two Americans. In a statement posted on Telegram late on Friday, Hamas armed wing spokesman Abu Ubaida said: "In response to Qatari efforts, (Ezzedine) al-Qassam Brigades released two American citizens (a mother and her daughter) for humanitarian reasons."

There has been no official confirmation from either Israel or the US. *The Times of Israel* identified the two hostages as Judith and her teenage daughter Natalie Raanan, adding they have been released in Egypt and handed over to the Red Cross ahead of their expected arrival in Israel.

Their release is significant as it comes amid intense bombardment on Gaza by Israel. The relentless air raids on Friday levelled a northern Gaza district, whose residents got a half-an-hour notice to escape the bombing.

Gaza's Hamas-run Health Ministry said 16 Palestinian Christians were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a Greek Orthodox church housing displaced Palestinians. But the Israeli military claimed only the church's wall was damaged, adding that its target was a nearby building.

While there is no clarity on when Israeli soldiers will set foot in Gaza, Israel's defence minister Yoav Gallant clarified on Friday that his country has no plan to take control of the Strip after destroying Hamas terror network. Israel's long-term objective is to end its responsibility over the Palestinian enclave, he said. P12

(Left): Judith Raanan and her daughter Natalie Raanan; (Above): Palestinians inspect the site where a Greek Orthodox church was destroyed following Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City on Friday | AP

U.S. MILITARY FIRES FIRST SHOTS

Fuelling worries of the limited war escalating into a larger West Asia conflict, the US military on Friday took down multiple missiles launched by Iranian-backed Houthis in Yemen. US Navy's guided missile destroyer USS Carney, operating in the northern Red Sea, intercepted three land missiles and several drones "potentially headed toward targets in Israel"

U.N. CHIEF VISITS RAFAH BORDER

The situation in the besieged Gaza has turned extremely grim, with reports saying civilians are down to one meal a day and no water. On Friday, United Nations Secretary General António Guterre visited the Rafah border and made a passionate appeal for allowing humanitarian aid to Gaza, terming it a matter of life and death for two million people trapped there

Mekedatu padayatra: Govt to drop cases against Cong netas, workers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government has decided to withdraw cases registered against Congress leaders and workers who had participated in a padayatra seeking early implementation of the Mekedatu project, by violating Covid norms.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar had spearheaded the agitation demanding that the balancing reservoir project be implemented at the earliest to ease the drinking water shortage in towns and cities, including Bengaluru. Many Congress leaders, including AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Siddaramaiah, had participated in the padayatra. FIRs were filed against them in police stations in Ramanagara district.

Now, responding to Mandya MLC Dinesh Gooligowda's letter to withdraw the cases against the Congress leaders and workers, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has instructed Home Minister G Parameshwara to place the files related to those cases before the cabinet sub-committee for a discussion and later forward the recommendations to the cabinet for action.

EXPRESS READ

Bahrain to deport M'luru doc for anti-Palestine posts

Mangaluru: Dr Sunil J Rao, a doctor from Mangaluru working at the Royal Bahrain Hospital in Bahrain, has been sacked for his "anti-Palestine" comments on social media. According to sources in Bahrain, Dr Rao has also been taken into police custody there and is expected to be deported to India soon | P5

ISRO begins countdown for uncrewed test flight

Sriharikota: ISRO said the 13-hour countdown for the launch of an uncrewed flight test, marching towards sending Indian astronauts into space, commenced on Friday. A single-stage liquid propulsion rocket, with a crew module and escape system, will lift off from here at 8 am on Saturday.

Delhi HC grants bail to Sukesh's aide Pinky Irani

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday granted bail to Pinky Irani, a close aide of alleged fraudster Sukesh Chandrasekhar, in a Rs 200 crore extortion case. The high court gave relief to the woman on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh with two sureties of the like amount.

CID to investigate BJP worker's death in K'buragi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kalaburagi/Bengaluru

THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) will probe BJP worker Shivakumar Pujari's death in Kalaburagi district on Thursday.

Shivakumar Pujari (38) from Shirolli, Chincholi taluk, died by suicide after releasing an audio clip on social media sites, in which he allegedly blamed Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil and Congress workers for his death. Shirolli is part of Sedam assembly segment represented by Patil.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said the truth will come out after the probe. "We have ordered a CID probe and will know the truth after the probe," the Home Minister said. The CID will also verify statements about the minister's (Sharan Prakash Patil) involvement, he said.

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SURPRISE POLICY

Army bowls out cricket, players in a bind

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE Services team normally comprises at least four or five cricketers from the Indian Army. This time, however, there is none. The recent sports policy announced by the Army means cricketers employed by it have to miss out on domestic tournaments, including the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T20). When cricket has been included in Los Angeles Olympic fixtures in 2028 during the IOC Session in Mumbai on Monday, this would definitely come as a surprise.

NODE SHUT A SETBACK

The cricket node is among eight to be closed due for lack of results. It means no cricket activity. Manpower, including players and staff posted at these nodes, have been reverted to their parent units by March 25, 2023 latest

In March this year, the Army came out with a sports policy that led to the closure of quite a few nodes, including cricket, golf, tennis and squash. The development meant cricketers serving the Army now cannot represent the Services team. What has made it difficult for players to pursue cricket is that they have to seek permission from their parent unit to represent a state team. And in this case, time had been a constraint as most states finish their selection process well before domestic season commences.

If some players are to be believed, they may not be released from the unit. "Forget about other units. Take for instance, if someone has been posted in Jammu and Kashmir then he may not be released to play cricket," said one player, adding it would be difficult for the player to leave his unit as well. "We have reviewed various disciplines and how they are helping in nation building through sports. Nodes of a few disciplines like rugby and cricket have been closed as they were not delivering results," Brigadier (Physical Training) Satyavrat Sheoran told this daily. He said the players are free to represent other states if their unit permits.

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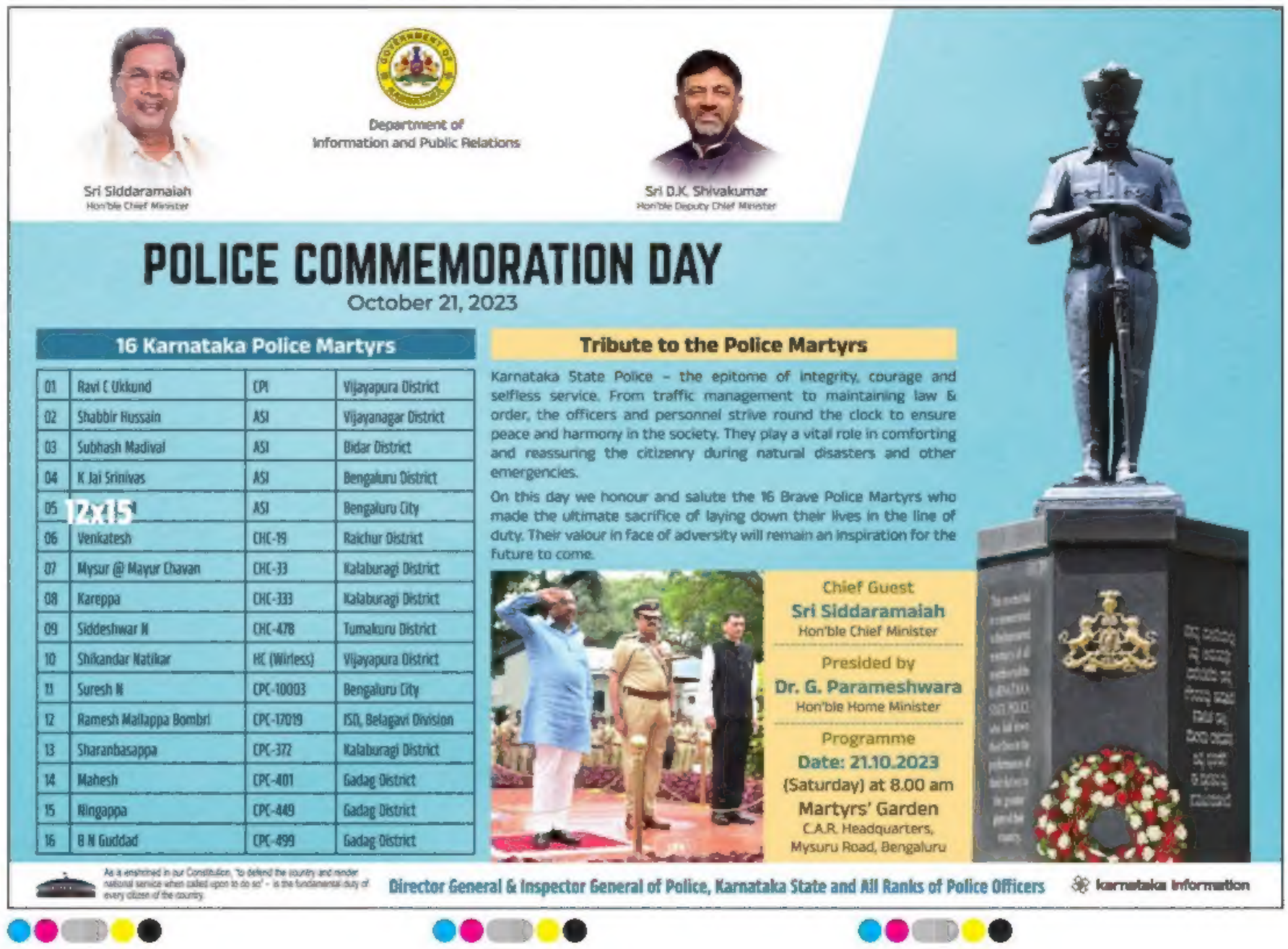
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Department of Information and Public Relations
Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY
October 21, 2023
16 Karnataka Police Martyrs
01 Ravi C Ukkund CPI Vijayapura District
02 Shabbir Hussain ASI Vijayanagar District
03 Subhash Madival ASI Bidar District
04 K Jai Srinivas ASI Bengaluru District
05 ASI Bengaluru City
06 Venkatesh CHC-19 Raichur District
07 Mysur @ Mayur Chavan CHC-33 Kalaburagi District
08 Kareppa CHC-333 Kalaburagi District
09 Siddeshwar N CHC-478 Tumakuru District
10 Shikandar Natikar HC (Wirless) Vijayapura District
11 Suresh N CPC-10003 Bengaluru City
12 Ramesh Mallappa Bombri CPC-17019 ISD, Belagavi Division
13 Sharanbasappa CPC-372 Kalaburagi District
14 Mahesh CPC-401 Gadag District
15 Ningappa CPC-449 Gadag District
16 B N Guddad CPC-499 Gadag District
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Tribute to the Police Martyrs
Karnataka State Police – the epitome of integrity, courage and selfless service. From traffic management to maintaining law & order, the officers and personnel strive round the clock to ensure peace and harmony in the society. They play a vital role in comforting and reassuring the citizenry during natural disasters and other emergencies.
On this day we honour and salute the 16 Brave Police Martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice of laying down their lives in the line of duty. Their valour in face of adversity will remain an inspiration for the future to come.
Chief Guest
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Presided by
Dr. G. Parameshwara
Hon'ble Home Minister
Programme
Date: 21.10.2023
(Saturday) at 8.00 am
Martyrs' Garden
C.A.R. Headquarters,
Mysuru Road, Bengaluru
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